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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of revenue generated and expenditure incurred by the Department of Posts during the last three years and the current year; and

(b) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to make the Department of Posts attractive and profit earning?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) Revenue and expenditure for the last three years and current year is as detailed below:

Year	Revenue (Rs. Crores)	Expenditure (Rs. Crores)
2005-06	5023.49	6429.15
2006-07	5322.44	6779.12
2007-08	5494.90	7272.66
2008-09(estimated)	6159.31	7535.50
Gross amount up to October, 2008	1786.25	4910.94

(b) The Department has computerized 9639 post offices till 31.03.2008. In order to make the postal services more attractive the Department has modernized 2504 Post Offices till the end of 10th Five Year Plan. A freighter aircraft has also been chartered from Air India to improve delivery services in the North East Sector. Initiatives are being taken to develop partnerships with public and private organizations aimed at leveraging our vast network, especially in rural areas. Rationalization of foreign mail tariff for Letter Post Items has been carried out and is effective from 01.09.2008 with a view to add to the Department's overall revenue. A marketing and publicity effort has also been put in place to make the customers aware of the services made available by the Department.